



# ***Biography***

**U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND**

## **COLONEL Leafaina O. Yahn** **COMMANDER, 404<sup>th</sup> AFSB**

Colonel Leafaina O. Yahn assumed command of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) in June 2011. COL Yahn is from the village of Gataivai, American Samoa. She graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1989 where she was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Ordnance Corps.

COL Yahn's previous assignments include Automotive/Armament Platoon Leader, Shop Officer, and Support Operations Maintenance Officer in the 3rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. She served as the Combat Vehicle Maintenance Manager, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas and commanded Delta Company, 124th Main Support Battalion which was later re-flagged as the 704th Main Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. After company command, COL Yahn served as the Deputy MMC Chief and Materiel Readiness Officer, 4th Infantry Division before being assigned to Aberdeen Proving Grounds as the Adjutant to the Chief of Ordnance.

After graduating from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas COL Yahn was assigned as the Materiel Readiness Officer for 3rd Infantry Division while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom during the fight to Baghdad. Following redeployment, she served as the Support Operations Officer, 26th Forward Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. After this assignment, she served as the Support Operations Officer, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade during the 3rd Infantry Division second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III (2005-6).

Following redeployment, she served as the Director of Officer Training at the US Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. In February 2007, COL Yahn assumed command of the 589<sup>th</sup> "Iron Caissons" Brigade Support Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Fires Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. She commanded for 32 months including a 14-month deployment to OIF 08-09 in support of the 41<sup>st</sup> Fires Brigade and all coalition forces operating in Wasit Province. After giving up command in 2009, she served as the Deputy Commander for the 120<sup>th</sup> IN BDE (Training Support Brigade), Division West before attending the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

COL Yahn has a Bachelor of Science degree from the US Military Academy at West Point, an Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College. Her Military Education includes The Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School at the US Air Force Academy, the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officers Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Global War on Terrorism Medal (Expeditionary and Service), and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

COL Yahn is married.

